

COUNTY OF LINCOLN

New Mexico Special Meeting Board of County Commissioners

Preston Stone, Chair
Dallas Draper, Vice Chair

Thomas F. Stewart, Member
Elaine Allen, Member
Lynn Willard, Member

Minutes Thursday, March 10, 2016

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Lincoln County Commission held at 8:30 A.M. on March 10, 2016 in the County Commission Chambers, Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

1. Call to Order

Chair Stone called the Special Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to order at 8:28 AM.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call.

Present: Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Willard.

Others present included Nita Taylor, County Manager; Alan Morel, County Attorney; and Whitney Whittaker, Chief Deputy Clerk.

3. Invocation

The invocation was presented by Commissioner Draper.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Pledge – US Flag
- b. Salute – NM Flag

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Acceptance of the Agenda and authorized the Chair to move items as necessary,
Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Stewart, Seconded by Commissioner Allen.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Chair Stone, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Willard.

6. Discussion and potential action-Lincoln County Medical Center: New Build vs. Renovation and Expansion Presentation of Plans for New Build: Bobby George, Dekker, Perich, Sabatini

Nita Taylor, Manager provided the timeline of events concerning the Lincoln County Medical Center development decisions. Ms. Taylor explained during the April 2015 Special Meeting information was presented about the current physical state of the hospital and four options for development were presented. During the April 2015 Regular Meeting, the Commission formally adopted a plan to renovate and expand the Lincoln County Medical Center for an estimated cost of \$33 Million including relocation of Emergency Medical Services. Ms. Taylor further explained after additional discussion, the County worked with various partners and resources including Newpoint Healthcare Advisors, Presbyterian Healthcare Services, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini (DPS), to identify other project alternatives.

Joe Lupica of Newpoint Healthcare expressed gratitude for everyone's involvement and the information gathered to consider funding of a new hospital or renovation/expansion the current hospital.

Bobby George of DPS presented a detailed PowerPoint on the "Comparison of Hospital Development Options." The presentation outlined options for new construction versus renovated space; a discussion of current and futures services provided; and efficiency factors including proposed square footage, total project costs and site design. Mr. George provided comparison sheets for new construction versus renovated space detailing space efficiency, design, workflow and functionalism of the hospital facility.

Troy Clark, Interim Administrator for Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) noted both projects would have the associated cost of construction but a new building would have the opportunity to expand overtime.

There was a general discussion on project design and the current oncology and infusion medical services as well as other placements and use of space for office flow and functionalism of the hospital.

Bo Beams, Vice President, Regional Delivery System for Presbyterian stated the hospital currently offered infusion therapy and will continue practice. Mr. Beams stated the determination of additional services would depend on hospital volume and demand.

Chair Stone questioned the proposed surgical ward building design and the number of operating rooms displayed.

Mr. Clark explained how current hospital statistical information might not justify the amount of rooms designed, but noted the added Cesarean Obstetrical operating room could serve as an "extra" operating room if needed.

There was discussion regarding total project costs and the included construction costs and fees.

Mr. George proposed the middle of next year as a likely time to complete design plans and issue the bid proposal in order to reduce construction costs. Mr. George stated the total savings based on the projected cost for a new facility was approximately \$4.833 million. Mr. George reminder neither the projected estimate for new construction nor the estimate for the renovation and remodel included relocation of Emergency Medical Services.

Mr. Clark expressed a desire to start construction earlier and commented the worksheet provided was based on a worst case scenario and timeframe. Mr. Clark discussed the need to manage costs and contingencies for the projects and to use the funds in appropriate areas.

Alan Morel, County Attorney stated he would research questions about contingency percentages. Attorney Morel stated he would research Gross Receipt Tax rate options as compared to other entities.

There was additional discussion regarding relocation of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) including costs, building design, and timeline.

Mr. George suggested the County plan for the relocation of EMS prior to presenting the bond question to voters in November.

Commissioner Stewart, stated the EMS move was required either way and the County understands related budget needs.

Gary Mitchell, Chairman of the Board for LCMC spoke to the issues raised about the need for urgent care in the community; current infusion services; and wound care.

Motion: Approve the design plan for a new hospital facility as presented, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Commissioner Stewart, **Seconded by** Commissioner Allen.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Willard.

Ms. Taylor questioned if the Board of Commissioners wished to consider approval of a contract for architectural services at this time.

Attorney Morel suggested consideration of architectural services for the design of a new facility at the next Regular Commission Meeting.

Motion: Add an agenda item for consideration of architectural services contract to the March Regular Meeting, Action: Approve, Moved by Commissioner Stewart, Seconded by Commissioner Allen.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (summary: Yes = 5).

Yes: Chair Stone, Commissioner Stewart, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Draper, Commissioner Willard.

7. Signing of Official Documents

8. Next Meetings:

Regular Meeting – March 15, 2016.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of County Commissioners, Chair Stone adjourned the meeting at 10:24 AM.

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ATTEST:


Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

April 19, 2016
Date Approved

